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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR P&A ON STRINGER MISSILE

REF: KUWAIT 5298 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON 22 NOV BETWEEN CHIEF, USLOK AND KAF AC OF S FOR MATERIAL PROCUREMENT, COLONEL ABDUL AZIZ AL-SAYEGH, AL-SAYEGH ASKED FOR A PRICE AND AVAILABILITY QUOTE ON THE STRINGER PORTABLE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEM. THE SPECIFIC QUANTITY WAS NOT INDICATED. AL-SAYEGH FURTHER STATED THAT HE NEEDED THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THE US WANTED TO REMAIN IN COMPETITION WITH THE USSR FOR THE STRELA (SA-7).
 2. CHIEF, USLOK WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON THE REQUEST BUT DID MENTION THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE ONLY PORTABLE MISSILE SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN FULL PRODUCTION IN THE US WAS THE REDEYE. AL-SAYEGH STATED THAT THE GOK WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN THE REDEYE BECAUSE IT WAS OBSOLETE AND THE GOK WAS NOT INTERESTED IN PURCHASING OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT.
 3. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE REQUEST FROM AL-SAYEGH TO BE OFFICIAL
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IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT RECEIVED IN WRITING

FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. ALSO, AL-SAYEGH'S COMMENT CONCERNING THE STRELA (SA-7) SEEMS TO TRACK BECAUSE OF THE RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW BY KAF PERSONNEL (REFTEL).

4. REQUEST STATE/DOD POSITION ON THE GOK REQUEST FOR PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF THE STRINGER MISSILE. ALSO, COULD THE REDEYE BE MADE AVAILABLE IF THE STRINGER CANNOT, OR WILL NOT, BE MADE AVAILABLE? WE UNDERSTAND THAT REDEYE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN.
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